and the States have initiated the follow up action. The State Finance Commission have been constituted to advise the State Governments on devolution of funds to the municipalities and also to suggest ways and means to improve the financial condition of the municipalities. It is expected that with the improvement of the resource base of the municipalities, they would be in a better position to stem the deterioration of the urban infrastructure facilities.

Poverty Alleviation schemes.

5745 SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state: (a) what are the new income support and poverty alleviation schemes formulated by Government for 1995-96;

(b) whether any of the States have come forward to implement these schemes;

(c) whether any proposals has been submitted by Government of Andhra Pradesh to implement innovative income support schemes in urban areas for 1995-96; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) An integrated scheme for eradication of poverty in towns having population between 50,000 and 1,00,000 known as Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme is being formulated.

(b) The scheme is proposed to be implemented in all the 345 Class II towns of the country.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Night Shelter for Pavement Dwellers

5746. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are ready to finance "Night Shelter for Pavement Dwellers" schemes;

(b) if so, the details of finances available under this scheme; and

(c) how many such schemes have been sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh in 1994-95 and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) With a view to ameliorate the conditions of the absolutely shelterless people in the country, a Centrally sponsored scheme, *viz.* Shelter and Sanitation Facilities for the Footpath Dwellers in Urban Areas, is in operation during the 8th Five Year Plan period. The scheme has the following components:-

(a) Construction of Community Night Shelter with Toilets and Baths.

(b) Construction only of Community pay and Use Toilets-Bath for the Homeless.

Under the first component of the Scheme, a Central subsidy @ Rs. 1000/-(Rupees one thousand only) and Rs. 4000/- (Rupees four thousand only) as HUDCO loan per beneficiary arc being provided for construction of Night Shelters. Under the second component, Central subsidy @ Rs. 350/- per beneficiary is being provided.

(c) During 1994-95, no project under this scheme from Andhra Pradesh has been sanctioned by HUDCO.